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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: *Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Arbitration
with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section
252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 00-00691

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing are the original and thirteen copies of the Joint Motion of Sprint Communications Company L.P. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for an Extension of Time in the above case. A copy has been provided to counsel for Sprint.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Arbitration with
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. 00-00691

SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.
AND BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sprint Communications Company L.P. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (jointly "Petitioners"), hereby ask the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") for a one week extension of time to file their interconnection agreement in the above case. In support of this Joint Motion, Petitioners show the following.

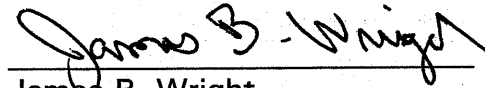
At the December 18, 2001 Directors Conference in this case, the TRA acting as arbiters decided the remaining issues pending in this case and ordered the parties to file their interconnection agreement 30 days from the date of the Directors' decision, that is, by January 17, 2002.

Petitioners have been working on the agreement but believe they may not have it in final form by the current due date. Accordingly, the Petitioners ask for a one week extension, to January 24, 2002, in which to file their interconnection agreement. Petitioners would note that there are no other parties in the case and thus there will be no harm or prejudice if this motion is granted.

Wherefore, Petitioners ask that their Motion be granted and that the date to file the interconnection agreement be extended to January 24, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

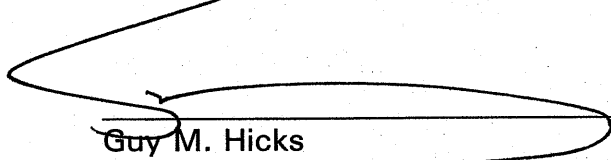
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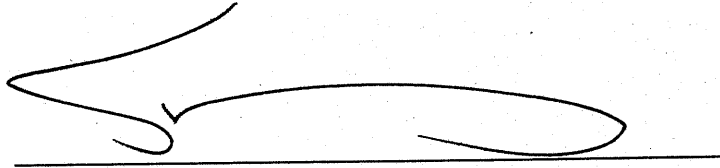
I hereby certify that on January 15, 2002, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via hand delivery or U.S. Mail, postage-prepaid, addressed as follows:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Atkinson", is written over a horizontal line.